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Steven Muller, President

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Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Dear Stan:

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Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter of May 11. I very much support the proposal you put forth and am extremely anxious to participate. I will look forward to hearing from [redacted], but I should warn you now that June is a pretty bad month. I will be leaving for a trip to Europe on June 19 and will not return until July 3, and the early part of the month also is already crowded with commitments -- in fact, it looks as though my only two free days for the entire month are June 1 and June 14. I guess I will have to hope that your first meeting may be so successful that you will want to do a second and that I may be able to participate then. Or, if my colleagues have as bad a month scheduled as I do, perhaps the meeting could be postponed until the weeks of July 10 or 17. I would love to be present.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Dear Steve:

Since its inception, the Central Intelligence Agency has sought to maintain effective relationships with scholars and academic institutions throughout the United States. These relationships have been of inestimable value to the intelligence community and ultimately, to the foreign policymakers it serves.

In the wake of considerable public criticism over the last several years, however, the Agency has had difficulty in maintaining these open and mutually beneficial relationships. I would like to ask your help and advice in determining how best to restore a useful but proper connection between academia and the world of intelligence.

Clearly there are limits beyond which we in the intelligence profession should not go in dealing with members of the academic community. I do have very express rules with respect to that today, but how we are operating within these rules is not always clear to others. Today there are also many new opportunities to use unclassified information derived through the collection of intelligence for the benefit of academic research. I do not believe that we have the proper mechanism today to ensure the adequate provisions of such information to academic institutions.

Accordingly, I would like to ask you to join with me and several other university presidents and leaders of the American academic community for a day here at the Central Intelligence Agency. The objective would be to have a free-flowing exchange of ideas on how to reestablish the academic-intelligence relationship on a sound and proper basis for mutual advantage. This will be a quiet, private meeting of perhaps twelve of us, during which we will take the opportunity of asking you to visit our CIA facilities and to meet with a variety of Agency officers representing diverse interests and disciplines. My hope would be that in your spending a day with us, our relationship might improve to our mutual benefit, taking into full account the problems of the past and the attitudes of the present.

John W. F.

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I have asked [REDACTED] of my Academic Relations staff to be in touch with you directly to arrange a date in June that will be convenient. They will be available to discuss my invitation further with you, and to make arrangements, if as I hope, you will be able to accept.

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Yours sincerely,

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